



A message from Mr Scott

This week, our school has proudly participated in National Anti-Bullying Week, reinforcing the vital message that *we're all different but equal!* To show our support, we donned our odd socks on a day that encouraged us to embrace our uniqueness.

On Wednesday, I had the opportunity in assembly to speak with the children about the importance of being an 'upstander' rather than a 'bystander'. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and commitment towards making our school a safer, kinder place for everyone. To further enhance these discussions, I shared a powerful video that illustrates the positive impact of standing up against bullying. Here is that video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBvE-biSLgU>

Additionally, I am excited to introduce our new *child-friendly leaflet*, designed to support our pupils in understanding and addressing bullying whenever they encounter it. Together, we can continue to build a community where everyone feels valued and respected. Here is the leaflet:

Alvaston Junior Academy



Child Friendly Anti-Bullying policy



What should I do if I see someone else is being bullied?


- Don't walk away and ignore the bullying.
- Tell an adult about what you have seen.
- Tell the bully to stop if it is safe to do so.
- Don't stay silent or the bullying will keep happening.

All staff at AJA work together to:

- Make our academy a place where everyone can feel safe and happy. That means no bullying allowed.
- Help everyone to get on with each other and we believe that everyone has the right to be who they are.

If you are bullied DO:


- Ask them to STOP if you can.
- Use eye contact and tell them to go away.
 - Ignore them.
 - Walk away.
- Talk to any grown up.
- Tell your friends.
- TELL SOMEONE!



DON'T:

- Do what they say
- Get angry or look upset
- Repeat their behaviour
 - Call names back
 - Hit back

What is Bullying?
In our academy a bully is someone who hurts someone more than once, by using behaviour which is meant to hurt, frighten or upset.



Bullying can be...

Emotional: Hurting people's feelings, leaving you out.
Physical: Punching, kicking, spitting hitting, pushing.
Verbal: Being teased, name calling.
Racist: Calling you racist names.
Cyber: Saying unkind things by text, e-mail and social networking.
Identity: Saying unkind things about how you have chosen to look or about personal choices you have made.

When is it Bullying?

Several Times On Purpose




Who can I tell?

A Friend
Parents/carers
Grandparents
Teachers/TAs
School friends
Lunch time staff
Office staff
Mrs Twigg/Mrs Bower

MOST IMPORTANTLY...
if you are being bullied

Start Telling Other People



Important Dates

Friday 29th November
Year 5 visit to the Space Centre

Tuesday 3rd December
Wednesday 4th December
Year 3 visit to Derby Museum

Thursday 5th December
Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm
(Joint with Alvaston Infants)

Friday 20th December
Last day of term

Word of the Week

Cooperative

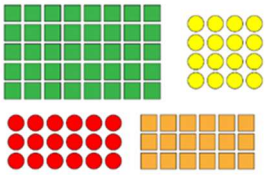
Attendance

This week's attendance
94.04%

Highest class attendance
100 Perfect Pandas%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



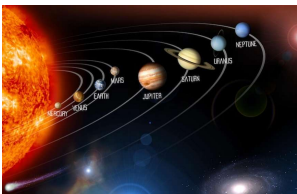
One of the things we have been struck by this week is how well the children have used arrays to help them solve multiplication and division calculations in maths. It has been a pleasure to see the standard of work they have produced. In the same vein, we are really getting to grips with TT Rock Stars on our iPads. A secure knowledge of times tables is essential to succeed in maths and all the year 3 staff would like to encourage the children to play regularly at home. Let's see how high they can get their 'Rock Star Status'! You will all have received a letter about our upcoming trip to Derby Museum in a few weeks. Can we please ask you to return the permission slip as soon as you can and pay through Parent Pay. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 4



This week has been fantastic for our Y4 learners! The children have completed their alternate diary entries, and we couldn't be prouder of their final writes. Their creativity and expression truly shone through! In maths, we've been diving into the exciting world of multiplication using the grid method. It's amazing to see how the children are mastering this new skill! On Monday, we kicked off our new geography unit with the intriguing question: "Why would someone want to live in a capital city?" We can't wait to hear their thoughts and ideas as they explore this topic! Next week, we'll embark on our retell project, focusing on Beauty and the Beast. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their descriptive writing skills. We know they will bring the story to life!

Year 5



This week, in Year 5, we have been doing some amazing work! In English, the children have been creating their own settings of Verona as part of our work on Romeo and Juliet. The teachers have been delighted with the high level of vocabulary and use of personification! Brilliant work! In maths, we have been working on converting fractions to their equivalents so we can put them in order. It has been hard, but the children have shown great resilience and determination to understand the methods. Geography and PE have gone together this week, with work on compass points in both lessons. We learnt the names of the planets in science, and had great fun coming up with different ways of remembering the order they are in. Ask your children if they can remember them correctly! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have enjoyed exploring how animals adapt to their environments in science. They have had lots of fun drawing animals and thinking how they may need to change depending on their habitat. In maths this week, we have worked hard on converting and ordering fractions which has led us to understand the importance of knowing our times tables! We have finished our non-chronological reports on The Blitz which has linked beautifully to our history topic and the children have worked hard to research specific facts and use correct vocabulary. Lots of passive voice can be seen in our reports which was our new concept learnt last week! A great week overall!